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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK



We sure had a rough winter this year and have had snow on the ground since before Thanksgiving. Even with all this weather there were many things to think about for TEC. So far the TEC membership coins are made and ready to be sent out with the TEC NEWS to those who have paid their 1977 dues. We also are working on plans for the 1977 TEC badges as these have to be already made by June as there's ribbons to be put on too. With all this work the

TEC NEWS has to be taken care of too. So far everything is working out very good. Many letters have to be exchanged between the Board members, but I do have a good group of officers and each one of them is ready to help me when help is needed. This makes it easier for me and I'm proud of my officers.

I have received a letter from the A.N.A. from the assistant to the Executive Vice-President and Acting Curator Arthur M. Fitts III. Mr. Fitts explained to me that at this time there is no space for a TEC show case. However the A.N.A. will build on to the present site and the offices will be moved to the top floor, so there will be more space for A.N.A. cases in the museum. If we donate the \$500. now, the TEC name will be put on top of the list to get the first show case available, when the second floor is added to the A.N.A. building. The TEC Board has approved that we donate the money now and will go along with the A.N.A. to give us the first case when they are available.

In the meantime the TEC members can send in their elongated coins to the A.N.A. for the TEC show case. These can be sent to the A.N.A. Headquarters with attention to Arthur M. Fitts III. When sending elongated coins to them please be sure and send them the best coins you have made. I want to show them how good some of our TEC engravers and rollers are. They will be shown in a case from

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time to time even if it is not our own show case yet. None of the elongated coins will be returned, so these elongated coins must be donated to the A.N.A. Museum.

This show case at the A.N.A. Museum is a dream I had for a long time and to show off the many beautiful elongated coins that are being made now. Now it seems as if our elongated coins have found a home of their own. I'm grateful to you, the members for making this possible.

There are many things that still have to be done before the year is over. The biggest problem was getting the membership coins ready and I'm grateful to Bob Luchtman for helping us out. Bob always comes through when I ask him for help. Remember if you have'nt paid your 1977 dues when you read this, this will be your last TEC NEWS until your dues are paid. A friendly reminder will be sent to those that still have'nt paid their dues, but we hope you remember and pay by March 31st. Some times our letters cross, so if you get the reminder and have paid your 1977 dues, just disregard the final notice.

Those that are going to the A.N.A. Convention in Atlanta, Georgia should have made their reservation for their hotel room by now. I hope many of you can make it, as I hope to see many of you there. We also have sent to the A.N.A. to see about a room for our TEC meeting. I never know just what the day will be, but hopefully we get Friday afternoon as we have had it for the past ten years.

I hope we have more TEC members exhibiting at the A.N.A. Convention this year than we had in past years. We had some very nice exhibits last year and hope to see many there this year. Remember TEC gives a nice plaque for the best elongated exhibit at the A.N.A. Convention, so this year you may be the lucky one.

NOTICE

Time is growing short, so if you want your elongated coin to be judged for the best coin rolled for 1976, please send in two of the same kind to be judged. These elongated coins will not be returned but will be shown at the TEC meeting and then will be given as a door prize. The lucky winner of the best rolled out elongated coin for 1975 was Dottie Dow and the winner of the elongated coin as a door prize was Barbara Izzo. So remember send in your coins before the deadline of April 1st. We already have a few, but could use a lot more, so why not try for the best elongated coin rolled for 1976. I know there were many nice coin made.

NOTICE - - - - NOTICE - - - - NOTICE

We are also open for members to nominate members for doing some thing outstanding for TEC. You can submit as many names as you wish but make sure the person has done something outstanding. These TEC members names will be submitted to the Board and will be voted on to see if they are worthy of the Merit Award. This award is for what a person has done in 1976, from January 1 to December 31, 1976. The deadline for this is April 31st, so don't be late and send in the name of anyone who you think has done some outstanding work for TEC during the year of 1976.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE
ATTENTION**

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long article will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be re-printed, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!**ALL ADVERTISERS**

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00,	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00,	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - May 16th

Articles - May 18th

FOND MEMORIES OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

Most of us, if you think about it at all, have a vague idea that the celebration of Christmas began on December 25th, the year zero, when a star rose in the east and a Saviour was born. We know the story by heart of the three wisemen who brought gifts to the Baby Jesus, the star in the East and the Shepherds.

Somewhere in the early years you begin to form your idea of Christmas. Not what it means as a religious festival, but the shape it should take to be the perfect season. The singing of the carols, the candles, the bells, chimney smoke, candy canes, hobby horses, rubber balls and holly berries. Most everyone has heard the story of the Baby Jesus and how we celebrate His Birthday. How we give gifts to those we love and later, the regrets and sadness you cannot, (or would not) shut out. The gifts you never gave, or one you forgot, sleigh rides you never took over snow which never fell, a voice, that connects with time and Christmas.

Christmas to me is the smell of a cedar tree, the stringing of popcorn and cranberries, stars and chains cut and covered with silver paper, cookies and big red apples, a visit from Grandma and all the cousins. The stars in a little child's eyes is greater than the one in the East, when they get their first glimpse of the big Christmas tree, or of seeing Santa Claus.

In the many Christmas elongated coins we have in our collections, we have several different designs of Christmas trees, horse drawn sleighs, Christmas bells, Candy canes, Joseph and Mary with Baby Jesus, stars and holly wreaths, hobby horses, three wisemen and many different Santa's. The borders have large and small dots, holly wreaths, scalloped and plain borders. All very well designed and each has something special to make it different from the others. We have twelve or more rollers to thank for their good imagination and art work. I am glad we have the opportunity to add these to our seasonal collecting. It is a special part of our hobby of elongated coins and so are those who engrave these coins, so that we may have them. These are the fond memories of the Christmas season.

NOTICE

How about having a swap page for TEC members who would like to swap or trade elongated coins with other members. This page is not for dealers, or rollers who have lots of coins to trade, as they should use paid ads. Lots of times a member has a coin or two that they would like to trade for another. This would be done between the members themselves. If you have a duplicate coin you want to trade, write me a note telling me what you have and your correct address. Then if a member wants to trade with you he can write you and between the two of you, hopefully you can make a swap. If I were those making the deal between each other I'd wait until I was sure the other person wanted to trade. Send a rubbing of the coin to each other and also a stamped self addressed envelope, when asking each other about the coins. A.S.S.A.E. goes a long way these days, so make sure you send one in your dealing. Also do not send me a long list of coins, as this is for one or two coins you may have to trade. More than that you could take out an ad. This is to help the beginner in collecting elongated coins. So if you have any coin or two you would like to swap, why not give it a try. Maybe you can find something you need.

TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.



At this writing, February 20, the 1977 TEC NEWS Coins are not ready yet. As we always try to get the new 1977 coins to roll out for the TEC NEWS COIN, we all know its a little early to get the 1977 coins. A few are lucky and have already seen the 1977 nick-

els, but we need lots more than one coin to roll the TEC NEWS COINS. I think the coin is worth waiting for and they will be sent out as soon as they are made.

I want to thank all the TEC members who have sent in articles for out TEC NEWS. This is appreciated by me. I still will reject any articles that are of a derogatory nature. I had to reject two this month and I will do it again if necessary. There are many nice things a person can write about without going out of their way to hurt a person. No articles will be returned as this has been told in every issue. If your article is so valuable, I will not be responsible for it.

Articles must be written so I can read them, if not I have to reject them too. If I can't read it, I don't like it, if I make mistakes from not being able to read your article, then you won't like it. Lets stay friends and write your articles so I can at least read them. Even a faded copy is hard to read so I must ask for an article I can read. I'm not trying to be mean, but I can't keep up the pace I'm going. I try to please and work hard to get the TEC NEWS out. If I can do this folks, you can think of an article to write for TEC.

Below this article are the names of those that will receive a TEC NEWS COIN for the articles written in the January, February and March issue. Remember folks when the TEC NEWS COINS are ready, they will be mailed to you. Lloyd E. Wagaman will again make the coins for us. As you know it will be worth waiting for, as you know they are beautiful coins.

These are the names of the members who already had their articles in the first TEC NEWS of the 1977 year.

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- 3 - Santa's on his way - New Jersey Bound - - - - - Jack Wilcox #332
- 4 - Sell my Merit Award Coin, Never! - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
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- 7 - Uncle Sam - The Man and the Legend - - - - - Ruby Threlkeld #202
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- 11 - Find any Restrikes Lately? - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
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- 15 - My Progra for the Month - - - - - Louis Wejnert #293
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- 20 - A New Experience - - - - - William C. Henderson #370
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- 23 - Coming, Lee Martin's New Book - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
- 24 - Merry Christmas with Elongated Coins - - - - - Al Kirka #450

MAGICAL ELONGATED COINS

by William Kuethe TEC #538
Glen Burnie, Md.

I have often wondered why magicians don't use elongated pennies in their advertising. It would seem a very logical idea for a magician to "stretch" a penny before your eyes and then leave it with you with his advertising message on it. As far as I know, no magician has ever advertised in this manner.

I edit a magazine for Magic Collectors and for the past four years, I've sent out elongated pennies as supplements to that magazine. By doing this, I've only been able to create unusual supplements for the Cauldron, I've also issued what I think are the first elongated coins with a magical motif, and added quite a number of coins to my collection of magician's tokens and medals.

Listed below are descriptions of the elongated coins I have issued, as well as a table that gives the quantities of each issue. If anyone else knows of elongated coins dealing with magic, I'd appreciate very much hearing about them.

#1: THE MAGIC CAULDRON ELONGATED COINS, Manufacturer: Robert W. Luchtman - Steamboat, Nevada. Issued: March 1973. Designer: Robert W. Luchtman.

Standard Obverse: Consists of a robed Merlin-like conjurer raising his right hand in a magical pass over a smoking magic cauldron. A mysterious looking tree lurks in the background. This is all encased in a circle. Above the detailed figure are the words "The Magic Cauldron". Below the figure is a small "L" standing for the manufacturer's last name. Also below the figure is the name "Bill Kuethe" and to each side of the name "Bill" is the -X- pattern. Along the edge is a double wavy line circle.

#2: THE HOUDINI ELONGATED COINS, Manufacturer: Robert W. Luchtman Steamboat, Nevada. Issued: March, 1974. Designer: Sid Lorraine.

Standard Obverse: Consists of a detailed engraving of Harry Houdini with the name "Harry Houdini 1874-1926" appearing on the upper part of the coin. To the left of the figure is a lock and to the right is an old-fashioned pair of hand cuffs. Near the lower part of the coin is "TMC-2" in tiny letters. Along the edges dots and dashes in Morse Code spell out "M(agic) A(rtists) E(longated) P(enny) C(auldron) E(dition)".

#3: THE BLACKSTONE ELONGATED COINS, Manufacturer: Robert W. Luchtman, Steamboat, Nevada. Issued: June, 1975. Designer: Allen Berlinski.

Standard Obverse: Consists of a finely designed figure of Harry Blackstone in his later years. The upper part of the coin has words "Harry Blackstone" and the lower part has the dates "1885 - 1965". On Blackstone's left shoulder are the designer's initials "A.B.". "TMC-3" appears in small letters on the lower part of this piece. Around the edge, dots and dashes in Morse Code when translated read, M(agic) A(rtists) E(longated) P(enny) C(auldron) E(dition)".

#4: THE JAMES B. FINDLAY ELONGATED COINS, Manufacturer: Robert W. Luchtman, Steamboat, Nevada. Issued: October, 1976. Designer: Sid Lorraine.

Standard Obverse: Consists of a highly detailed engraving showing a bespectacled James B. Findlay encased in a circle. Above the figure is the name "Jimmy Findlay" and the memorial information "1904 - 1973". Below the figure are the words "Magic Collectors". "TMC-4" appears in tiny letters underneath this.

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Along the edge dots and dashes in Morse Code spell out "M(agic), A(rtists), E(longated), P(enney), C(auldron), E(dition)".

Table of quantity and type produced:

The Magic Cauldron, Type: U.S. 25¢, Date

Type: U.S. 10¢, Date, various, quantity 20. Type: U.S. 1¢, Date 1972 Quantity 200.

Harry Houdini, Type: U.S. 25¢, Date 1926, Quantity 1. Type: U.S. 10¢, Date 1926, Quantity 5. Type U.S. 1¢, Date 1926, Quantity, 20. Type: U.S. 1¢, Date 1943 (tail)*, Quantity 5. Type: U.S. 1¢, Date 1974, Quantity 650. Type: Canada 1¢, Date 1974, Quantity 100.

Harry Blackstone, Type: U.S. 25¢, Date 1965, Quantity 3. Type: U.S. 10¢, Date 1965, Quantity 18. Type: U.S. 1¢, Date 1943 (tail)*, Quantity 4. Type: U.S. 1¢. Date 1965, Quantity 200. Type: U.S. 1¢ Date - Various (tail), Quantity 500.

Jimmy Findlay, Type: English 10NP, Date 1973, Quantity 10. Type: English 1NP, Date 1973, Quantity 225. Type U.S. 1¢, Date 1971** Quantity 150.

Note: *Those coins struck on a 1943 U.S. 1¢ are, of course, magnetic. **1971 commemorates the last visit to the United States by Jimmy and Elsie Findlay.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 1977

by Harold Anderson TEC #483
Okalawaha, Florida

As we look into the New Year, Alice and I wish you all have a Happy New Year and may all your troubles be little ones.

I'm sure many of the TEC members are making their plans for the coming A.N.A. Convention this August in Atlanta, Georgia. I will be helping them out, as I'm on the committee to help with the exhibits. I will give the place around the hotel a once over and see where the stores are and where if any of the restaurants are that have a good hamburger and a good cup of coffee, or tea. Not all the TEC members can eat in the hotel restaurants and pay the high prices as we did in New York. I hope I can be helpful on this. Anyhow I hope most of those going have made their reservation for their room for the A.N.A. Convention.

During the coming year Alice and I will be going to many coin shows in and around the state of Florida, as this is where our home is now. Alice and I will be looking out for elongated coins and if the price is not too high, you can bet we will buy them. Some of the prices for the older elongated coins are really out of reach for us retired people. Anyhow if we look around we may find just what we want with a price just right.

You can almost bet many TEC members are thinking of some new ideas for their elongated coins for the A.N.A. Convention. I always look forward to getting one of Dottie Dows hand shakes as she has always had a special elongated coin made and these are a must for anyones collection.

Right now in this cold January even though there's plenty of snow and below zero weather up north, we are having a cool spell here in Florida too. I guess you heard of the frost we got here which killed a lot of our sweet oranges. Anyhow its a good time for TEC members to work on their elongated exhibits they will be bringing to the A.N.A. Convention. All in all we are making our plans for the convention and Alice and I are looking forward to seeing many of you there at the A.N.A. Convention and the TEC meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in August. So see you there.

NOTICE

A year ago I asked for the rollers of elongated coins that are now selling elongated coins to let me know if they wanted to have their name and address on a list of rollers in the TEC NEWS. Only a few wrote in and told me to put their name on this list, so I will list the names sent to me. I know not all rollers are now selling coins, but any roller now rolling and selling coins now would like to have his name listed, please let me know. I will put this list of names in the TEC NEWS from time to time. This gives the new members an idea of who is selling new issues of elongated coins. When asking for price list, please send a S.S.A.E.

Lloyd E. Wagaman	Adam J. Cool	Chester Rogers
Route #1, Box 195-D	207 4th St. South	P.O. Box 553
Camby, Indiana 46113	Brigantine, N.J. 08203	Leachville, Ark. 72438

Don Adams	Elmer Anderson	Gus Meccarello
P.O. Box 173	35 Greenwich Ave.	228 Vassar Road
Chauvin, La. 70344	Warwick, R.I. 02886	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

I will put this list in the TEC NEWS at least once a year as I think this will help all the members. If I receive any more names they will be put in the next issue. Remember not all rollers are selling coins by mail and some have not rolled any coins for a long time now. So if you want your name on this list, please send it to me before the next deadline of May 18th.

NOTICE

I hope everyone reads this notice. We have said in the past two issues we are only taking orders for the 1977 TEC badges now. We do not want you to send the money now (please). Yet many have been sending the money and we have had to return it. Its to confusing to take the money now, as the TEC badges won't be ready for sale until August at the A.N.A. Convention and by mail in September when we get home from the convention. We have had to return all the checks to the senders. So please donot send money for the 1977 TEC badges. We are only taking orders now and if you haven't sent in for your badge by April 31st, you are out of luck. This has been in about ordering your badges in the last three issues. if your late your out of luck as the TEC badges have to be ordered and the coins rolled at once, as I still have to buy the ribbons and put them on the coins. The coins are then returned to me and I put the ribbons on the coins. We now only make as many as are ordered, so we don't have a lot of extras left over. This cost money, so by only making as many as are ordered we sell them all out. Once I send in the order, no more will be made and the die will be destroyed. I want to thank those that sent in their order early.

NOTICE

We still have a few of the older TEC badges left from the following years, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975. All of these badges are still \$2.30. So if any of you new members that would like some of these TEC badges why not send for them now. You can order more than one at these prices. If your exhibiting about TEC, these can be made in a nice exhibit about TEC. All these TEC badges are rolled on quarters and should be a must for the elongated collectors.

"UN-LISTED" ELONGATEDS SURFACINGby Doug Fairbanks TEC #623
Jamesville, N.Y.

As a possible aid to Lee Martin and Angie Rosato, in their upcoming book release, and for the general information of "fellow" collectors, I will attempt to describe twenty-one issues which are not listed in Dow or Callander. Numerals are from my own method of listing, pre-fixes are the same as others.

- FLAs.s 1a - Same as No. 1 except for date (1967) incused under prow of boat approx. 30 degrees to bal. of coin.
- ILLgal 1a - Obv. Same as No. 1, rev. Same as LUCKY & 6 Alum.
- ILLgal 1c - Same as No. 1, except on un-trimmed rectangular Alum blank.
- KY.lou 6 - Horiz., copper, dotted border, Churchill Downs - KY. - Horse and Rider racing left - Derby - Louisville, Ky. (Sm. holes at 12 & 6, had 18 mesh chain thru top hole & small ivory horse suspended from bottom hole) Rev. worn smooth.
- N.Y-PAE 31a- Same as book, except alum.
- N.Y-WF(2)10- Horiz., copper, dotted border. New York Worlds Fair/19 Bldg. 65/RWS. Christian Science Pavillion. Rev. Faint image of Lincoln cent.
- N.Y-WF(2)11- Horiz., copper, dotted border. New York Worlds Fair /19 Bldg. 65/ RWJ. Billy Graham Pavillion. Rev. -1951D Lincoln cent.
- N.Y-WF(2)12- Vert., copper, dotted border. New York Worlds Fair /19 Bldg. 65. Masonic Center/RWJ. Rev. 1959 Lincoln cent.
- O..cle 2a - Vert., copper, rolled border, Cleveland around top, National (left) Bird-like emblem (center) 1912 over it, Convention (right) Under bird-emblem F.O.E.- Lucky Cent Rev. - Rev. of wheat ears Lincoln cent.
- PENphi 6a - Same as Callander, except dotted border. Rev. Faint image of another die, or rolled on foreign coin or token. Copper.
- PENxxx 3 - Vert., copper, rolled border. Altoona around top. State Firemen (left) Horseshoe, ends down with ladder & firemans steel hat in center (center) over horseshoe PA., Convention (right) under horseshoe, Lucky Cent 1910. Rev. - 1910 Lincoln Cent.
- TEX-TCE 2a - Vert., copper, small dotted border. Around top, Souvenir of - middle, five pointed star entwined with banner with 1836 TEXAS 1936 - below and straight, Centennial, around bottom. Celebration. Rev. - Faint image of Lincoln cent.
- VIRann 3 - Horiz., silver, small dotted border. Around top, "In appreciation of your continued patronage" - \$5.00 below this line, and at left, right & bottom. Lem Martin, P.O. Box 11 - Annandale, Va. 22003. Around bottom -- "Coins of the World". Rev. - 1966 Canadian quarter, stamped with numeral 17.
- VIR-JTE8 - Horiz., copper, rolled border. Around top, Jamestown EXP 1907. In center, long bldg. with four towers with four flags - right. Around bottom, Mines & Metallurgy Pal. Rev. - 1904 I.H. Cent.
- SOCm.o 4b - Vert., copper, denticle border. Similar to Dow 4 and 4a but qualifies as neither. Rev. - 1904 I.H. Cent.

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"UN-LISTED" ELONGATEDS SURFACING

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- SOCscra 1a - Vert., copper, denticle border. Same as Dow book No. 1 except no wording "Royal Arconum". Rev. - 1902 I.H.Cent
- Misc.xxx 10a- Same as No. 10 except alum.
- Misc.xxx 10b- Vert., copper, plain border. Thick double lines horiz. across coin face. Type of shield, with numeral 9 at top, initials C.B.H. under the nine, open banner type rectangle (possibly for future engravings) emblem at bottom appears to be Cross with smoke entwined. (Possibly made by same roller as 10 & 10a.) Rev. - 1944 Lincoln cent.
- Misc.xxx 16b- Horiz., copper, small dotted border. Civil War/1916/ Centennial. Initials R.J.(correct) at right. One five pointed star at each side of state. (Coin reported to be removed from P.N.C.) Rev. - 1964D Lincoln Cent.
- Misc.xxx 29 - Horiz., copper, rolled border. Around top -SOUVENIR-. Around bottom, of the fair - 1911. Center, Bldg. with wide arch entrance and large top dome. Small domed turrets attached at left & right sides. Rev. - 1881 I.H. Cent.
- Simul 17a - Vert., copper, three lined incuse dash border. Inside border area appears as mesh-like or knurled. Bust of A. Lincoln, apparently cut from another copper object and attached cleverly. Rev. - Same as SIMUL. 17 Lord's Prayer with dotted border.
- WY-YEL 2 - Vert., copper, dotted border - dash between each. At bottom, three straight lines, Yellowstone/ National/ Park. Above, spouting geyser, shrubbery, boulders & bear. Rev., - Rev. of wheat ear Lincoln cent.
- Misc.xxx 30 - Horiz., copper, rolled border. "Foxed" picture of 1912 Lincoln cent. Rev. - Wheat ears of Lincoln cent. Apparently on early "test-rolled" or experimental piece. No engraving.

Hope to have been of some assistance. Let's go, you other members.

ELONGATED COINS

FOR SALE

NOTICE!!! - - - - - COLLECTOR MEMBERS

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A ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

by Verlee Waterman TEC #525
Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Colorado Springs auditorium flea market is held, without fail every full weekend of each month. This meant the first day of the January session was scheduled for New Year's Day, which I looked forward to, to greet my friends and pass a good part of the day away from the endless football games.

No sooner had I arrived at the auditorium when I saw what looked like an elongated coin peeking from a small case amid all sorts of interesting items. I couldn't believe my luck as I haven't given the elongated coins any thought. My pickings at flea markets during 1976 had been so poor that I had given up. So what I thought I saw was really an elongated coin and a good one, Colorado 1, Pike's Peak. As I was paying for the coin a friend approached me saying she had a present for me. It was the Colorado Centennial elongated coin. To make matters even better I ran into some Pueblo friends who had returned from a California vacation and they had a very nice Universal Studio's Jaws coin for me. Talk about a Rocky Mountain high, this was it and on the first day of 1977. What a nice way to start out the new year!

As for the Pike's Peak coin, I wish I knew more about it. I am certain it is an oldie. The design is outstanding, but being as there are only a few elongated coins representing Colorado, this is a nice coin to have. It must be scarce as I have yet to see it listed on an auction sheet. I have seen it on a couple of want lists of more advanced collectors. Does anyone have any information regarding this elongated coin?

The Colorado Centennial coin is a beauty which I was completely unaware of until I read William Henderson's article in the last issue of TEC NEWS. This is a most welcome and treasured addition to my collection. I thank Mr. Henderson for having the foresight to remember Colorado's Centennial on an elongated coin. This coin would be especially beautiful painted. I have yet to see a painted coin.

The Universal Studio's Jaws elongated coin is another very good coin. This design is copy-righted and so is the same image of Jaws as seen in all the advertising pertaining to the movie. It is so well done that it must have been created by the California group who really got around this past summer, rolling their outstanding elongated coins. With the Jaws elongated coin I realized there are a few elongated coins that have fish on them. I have four so far one is the Marineland's whale, the second is the Shelbyville Dam fish, third is the pisces and the forth is the Jaws. For those who collect ships, fish might be a good related subject.

Editors Note:

Verlee, why don't you send a rubbing of your Pike's Peak elongated coin to Lee Martin to check to see if he already has it for the book he and Dottie Dow are writing. If it is an unlisted coin you will get credit for it in his book. Send it to him at once, as he will be glad you have helped him. No need to send the elongated coin, just a rubbing of the coin will do. If Lee Martin needs any more help he will ask you.

Also on the Pike's Peak elongated coin, Mr Henderson has given enough coins to be given out with the next issue of TEC NEWS. Yes, I agree with you the coins look very nice painted. I have one already, but will do a few myself, so may just send you one.

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A special thanks goes to our TEC friends for all the beautiful cards, letters, coins and gifts that were sent to us while I was sick before and during the holidays. Honest I received many nice things and they were appreciated by your Secretary Al Kirka and yours truly TEC President Sally Kirka.

By the way if your interested in buying a beautiful show case to exhibit your elongated coins, why not write to our TEC member Robert Dempsey, 715 Barnett Drive, P.O., Box 1259, Lake Worth, Florida 33460. From what I saw of these cases they are very strong as Bob stood on one case at one of the TEC meeting to prove how strong they were. So if the glass can hold a man this show case has to be good. If interested why not write to Robert Dempsey for more information and you'll be glad you did.

Sally and Al Kirka won again on their elongated exhibits at a December coin show. Each won their own trophy as they both had a different exhibit made up this year. Al had his Canadian elongated coin exhibit and a new Christmas exhibit he made up this year. While Sally exhibited her Christmas P.N.Covers and her wooden money with elongated coins on them. Its a good idea for others to try.

A special thanks goes to Arthur Fry of Xenia, Ohio for the large envelopes he donated to TEC. These come in handy for the extra things that we have to mail out. Every little bit counts, so thanks again Arthur as this is appreciated by us.

Paul Remeka one of our new members is going strong with his collection of elongated coins. Hope we get more new members that are interested in collecting elongated coins. As soon as he saw Lloyd Wagaman's calendar elongated half dollar he had to have one. So welcome to the club Paul. Paul is another member who lives close by and he belongs to some of the clubs that we do. So we can talk with him from time to time about elongated coins.

In December after I had put the TEC NEWS in the mail, I received a very sad letter from Harold and Alice Anderson. As I read the letter I got tears in my eyes as Harold was writing me and telling me the sad news about his son James H. Anderson who was killed in a hold up where he worked at a gas station. Three men held up the station and killed Harold and Alice's beloved son. It was a very sad day for Harold and hard to write me all this. Harold also told me of the nice Thanksgiving Day the family had spent together. Only a few short days later Harold's son was gone. So James H. Anderson, age 33 was killed December 1, 1976. He left a wife and three children. I as President and the officers and members of TEC send their deepest sympathy to Harold and Alice Anderson and Mrs. James Anderson and her three children. God Bless You All. Its never to late to send a card to Harold and Alice Anderson. Their address is Route #1 Box 521, Oklawaha, Florida 32679. I'm sure they will be pleased to hear from their friends.

Carl J. Forstrom of Grand Junction, Colorado sends his best wishes to all the TEC members for a very good and properous year. Thank you Carl we all wish you the same.

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Mary Eggleston, Route #3 - Box 144, Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063 has the white elongated coin holders for sale and they are a \$1.75 for a 100 holders. Lately many TEC members have asked where they could buy the elongated coin holders, so this is your chance to get some before they are sold out again. These holders the white 2x2 cardboard holders are getting harder and harder to get, so why not send for some now. Mrs. Mary Eggleston will be happy to receive your order and will send them right out. I would suggest you wait four weeks and maybe five weeks before writing that you didn't get them after ordering them. As Mrs. Eggleston lives about 12 miles away from a postoffice and can't run down every few minutes to mail out orders. Mary did assure me she will rush out the orders as soon as she can.

Another TEC member who has white holders for sale is Elmer Anderson of Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Ave. Warwick, Rhode Island, 02886. I do not have the price of his holders, so I suggest you write to him for more information. Donot forget that stamped envelope when asking for information. This helps to get an answer.

Angie Rosato wrote me he has been sick this past year, but he wants the TEC members to know that he is still working and writing his book on the elongated coins. If your interested in having your coins in his book, why not help him out. He will appreciate any help given him. As to any more questions about his book, please write to him about it. His address is, 44 Bank Street, New Milford, Conn. 06776. Also glad your feeling better Angie. Up until this time none of us knew you were sick and we were sorry to hear this. So folks why not send Angie a card and show him we care.

Ed Black is getting better and better and we hope he soon will be singing again. Ed had a big operation on his throat and for some time could not use his voice, but with God's help and his lovely wife Ann, he will make it. God Bless you Ed and a speedy recovery. I hope you sing a nice song for me in Atlanta in August. Even if you don't sing, we will all be glad to see you well again.

If you folks out there hear of a TEC member being sick, please let me know about it so I can tell their TEC friends about it in the TEC NEWS. We really do care and a nice card can cheer up our friends.

Have you seen the two nice Christmas coins that Elmer Anderson had made this Christmas. This is a must on your list if your collecting the Christmas coins. Its beautifully made and a very nice elongated coin to have. By the way, Elmer Anderson and the Pontiac Press Co., is one and the same, so why not send for your coin now.

If you want your coin mentioned in Notes of Interest send me a coin and I will let others know about them. I write about the coins I know about and try to let the members know about them. I also write about the coins when I write to the TEC members. This way it helps you and the members to know about your coins. That goes for new issues only, as its good to hear what others are making and if they are for sale.

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A very special thanks goes to Ralph A. Holmes of Indianapolis, Indiana on the set of 13 mini Philatelic Numismatic Covers that he has produced and has so generously donated to the TEC Archives. This is really quite a collectors item to have, as some of our own TEC members had a hand in the making of some of these covers. Ralph has done an outstanding job of these P.N.Covers and I as President of TEC proudly accept them for our TEC Archives. As of this writing I just received these P.N.Covers, so didn't have the time to forward these to the Chairman Ruby Threlkeld as yet. Thanks again Mr. Holmes as this is appreciated by us all.

If any TEC member cares to donate any elongated coins, P.N.C. Covers, or anything else they care to donate for door prizes for our TEC meeting, I'd appreciate you sending them to me. This will be the only note on this, as I feel as if I was begging people to give. In the past some of the rollers didn't even answer my letters. So now I'm asking in the TEC NEWS. If we don't get any donations, then we will do away with the free door prizes. Will put in the TEC NEWS who some of the people will be that will answer this call. I can not do this all by myself and need the help of many others. There are a few who have given many things for door prizes in the past and I just can't see to keep asking them for more. We won't turn anything down for a door prize and it doesn't only have to be elongated coins, any kind of a coin, medals, jewelry, or anything else you feel like donating will be appreciated by all. Mail your door prizes to me before August. Even one thing will be appreciated. Remember if we don't get anything we will do away with the free door prizes. So lets all chip in and help.

I have asked for more time for our TEC meeting at the A.N.A. convention, hoping we could have a nice get together after the TEC meeting is over. Many times the members leave and we never really get to meet the members or do we get to talk with them. Also some of the TEC members would like to swap or trade their elongated coins with the members after the meeting. So heres hoping we do get more time for our TEC meeting so we can do all this. This year we are hoping to have a surprise program at the TEC meeting, as the members will have to stay to hear and see it. It will be worth it to stay and visit after the TEC meeting. Stay and meet the officers and shake hands with Dottie Dow the elongated gal. You'll be sure of getting one of her hand shake elongated coins. This is a must if your at the convention.

Promises, promises is all that I get from a few about writing an article for the TEC NEWS. Why not sit right down and write that article you have been meaning to write. If it is not derogatory and not aimed at hurting anyone I will put it in the TEC NEWS. There are so many interesting things about elongated coins you can write about, so why not give it a try. Some say they are so busy, but what do you think I'm doing? I am also busy, but I find a few minutes to do just one more thing. Anyhow your help on this will be deeply appreciated by your Editors and the TEC members. Also if you do write an article for the first time you may find you have hidden talent you never knew you had. Try it and you may like it. The deadline for the next issue is May 16th for ads and May 18th for the articles. So why not give it a try, PLEASE?

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Robert J. Dadson, 409 Eight St., Carltsdt, N. J. 07072 still has a few of the G.E.N.A. elongated coins left and they are selling fast. So if you haven't ordered yours, please do so now before you lose out on the coins. The coins sell for 50¢ and can be bought by writing to Robert Dadson. The elongated coin was made by Dottie Dow for the club and is a very nice Bicentennial coin to add to your collection. One member said we should have more coins for sale yet when we do have an ad about a coin for sale, only a few will bother to buy one. I try to do my best to let you folks know of any new elongated coins that are for sale. Everytime I get a new coin from a member, or if a person writes and tells me about one I try to tell about it in the TEC NEWS, under Notes of Interest. So if you have something new, lets hear about it if you're interested in selling it. Send me the coin so I can tell the TEC members about them. So if you haven't, sent for your coin from Robert Dadson yet, why not do so now.

Members not paying their 1977 TEC dues by March 31st will be dropped from the membership list. Do not let this happen to you. If you have a problem at this time and can't pay your dues, let me know about it. Those that can pay and may have forgotten about it we will appreciate hearing from you. Remember dues are now due and the deadline for the dues is March 31st. Those that have paid the 1977 TEC dues will receive a membership card and a 1977 membership elongated coin. Remember only those who have paid before the date of mailing the TEC NEWS will receive their elongated coin with the TEC NEWS. All others will receive their membership card and coin as the dues are sent in.

Sally Kirka had another exhibit of her Bicentennial coins at a February coin show in Hartford, Connecticut. It was well received as Sally also had made a 30 inch eagle with dimes and pennies. So this gave a lot of attention to her elongated coin exhibit. Lets hear from members who have been displaying their exhibits of their elongated coins. Even if you don't win lets hear about them, or better still, why not write us an article on how you displayed your elongated coins. I know others would appreciate hearing on how some members display their elongated coins.

If you haven't sent in for your room reservation for the ANA Convention, you better do so now if you're going. The address of the Hotel is the Atlanta Marriott Hotel, Courtland at Cain Street N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The single room rates are \$29, \$34, \$38, \$42, \$45, and the double room rates are \$39, \$44, \$48, \$52, \$55, suites are \$75 and up. I do not know of any cheaper hotels around this time, but there should be some around. I know I heard some were going to stay at the Holiday Inn, but don't know how far away it was from the Marriott Hotel. If you write to the Marriott Hotel make sure you get the right one, as there are two there, in different parts of Atlanta. Make reservations at the hotel which is having the A.N.A. Convention there. The date of the Convention is August 23-28, 1977. Hope to see many of you there.

If you have a good article, why not send it in. The deadline for next issue is May 16th for ads and May 18th for articles.

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Richard Grabowski, TEC #570 was recently in the hospital for major surgery and is now on the road to recovery. Richard by the way is the son of our treasurer, Chester Grabowski. As Al and I were visiting Richard one day, a small plant was brought in by one of the nurses and the note read, here's a plant for you, they won't let me in. This was given by one of Richard's nine year old pupils from grade four where Richard is a teacher at the Center Road School in Rockville, Connecticut. We all got a kick out of this. As we were visiting Richard on another day I looked around and saw five TEC members at one time in the hospital room. That wasn't a bad number to be visiting a TEC member all at one time. God Bless You Richard and I hope you're better by the time you read this in the TEC NEWS.

I received a very nice letter from the Secretary Claude Lee Thomas from the California Collectors of Elongateds and he said, the club intends to get back into action soon and things will be back to normal soon. Please be patient with them a little longer as this will be appreciated by the new officers. Please do not send complaints to me about this club as I have nothing to do with this and can't answer your questions. Give the club a chance to get back on its feet. Write to Mr. Claude Lee Thomas, 919 W. Pomona, Santa Ana, California 92707. Thank you for writing Mr. Thomas.

We had to pay postage due for these two TEC members. The TEC NEWS and the elongated coin were not returned. If anyone knows the address of Leonard Scheider of California, or Phillip L. Jessop last known address was Philamatic Center, Boystown, Nebraska 68010. Anyone knows of their new address, or their where abouts please let your Editor Sally Kirka know. They did not send in any change of address and have left no forwardable address at the postoffice. Anyhow no correct address was given us. It seems funny we can send a letter for 13¢ and the postoffice charges us 25¢ for a note to say, the person has moved and left no forwarding address.

Harold and Alice Anderson wishes to thank all the TEC friends who have sent them a sympathy card, after hearing of the murder of their son. These cards have helped to make this a little easier to bear. Its also nice to know that we the members of TEC do care about our fellow members. So again a special thank you from Harold and Alice Anderson from Route #1 - Box 521, Oklawaha, Florida, 32679, where they are now living.

A special thanks goes to these TEC members for the elongated coins sent to the Historian Chairman Ruby Threlkeld for the TEC Archives. A special thanks go to Elmer Anderson, Barbara, John Izze Richard Townsend, Jack Wilcox, Chester Rogers and Robert Dadson for sending in coins during the last three months. This is helping our TEC Archives grow and is appreciated by the Historian Chairman Ruby Threlkeld and President Sally Kirka. Thanks again folks.

If you hear of one of our members being in the hospital, or being sick I would appreciate hearing about it. We then can make a note of this in our Notes of Interest. I heard about one member who was sick almost all year and I never would have known about it until the member wrote me about this. Lets show them we do care by sending our sick members a card, or just saying hello.

TRYING TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR TEC NEWS

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

My wife Sally even gets after me, asking me when are you going to write an article for the TEC NEWS? Well, I can't sit down and write an article like she can. The other night one of her clubs needed articles for their newsletter and Sally sat down and wrote six that same night and sent them right out. Boy, if you can do that, your doing alright. As for me I'm a little slower and have to think of something to write about. Today I thought it over and will write about Sally.

As you all know about this time of the year and specially this year, we got plenty of snow. With all the snow on the ground we can't travel to far away from home, so we stay home as much as we can. This is the time of the year Sally starts working on new ideas or making a few P.N.Covers with elongated coins. Many times Sally makes her own, so she will spend hours cutting out holes in the cardboard which fits into an envelopes. The envelope too has to be cut. Everything has to be cut perfect to suit Sally. I've gotten up some mornings only to find Sally still cutting. This is a slow job and is hard on your fingers and Sally at times had a sore finger to prove this, when shes cutting the spaces for the P.N.Covers.

I never know what Sally is making? When she starts with one idea with the elongated coins she always comes up with two or more other ideas. Last year alone Sally made all kinds of P.N.Covers with elongated coins and wood, or you name it and Sally made it. She never makes to many as she makes these mostly for her own collection. Even I am lucky to have her make one of her P.N.Covers for me. I guess I don't really mind as I can look at the ones Sally made. When she makes something she always has an exhibit in mind.

At Christmas time I gave Sally a wooden eagle where you have to glue a few hundred dimes and pennies on it. It didn't take Sally long to do it and in two days the eagle was finished. It has a wing spread of almost 30" wide. I thought it came out very nice and Sally did a nice job of it. As I was admiring it Sally was thinking of a new idea and told me why couldn't she do the same with elongated coins? She already has the idea in mind of how to do it and you can bet she will make an eagle out of a few hundred elongated pennies and dimes.

NOTICE

These are the list of members that have ordered the 1976 TEC badges, but have not sent for them yet: Col. Rolfe Holbrook, Paul Aubry, Russ Cole, George Hatie, Dr. Herman Maul, Bill and Indy Martin, Charles Pansarosa, Jean Pieper, Fred Rumplik, John Soha, James Woodford, Cecil Walls, Novella Watson. If these badges are not sent for by April 30th, we will then sell them to who ever wants one. So those on this list if you want your TEC badge that you have ordered let us hear from you. After that date the TEC badges will be sold to who ever wants to buy them. The 1976 TEC badges are \$3.30. There is a low mintage of the 1976 badges, so these will be hard to get later on for a full set. Please write first after April 30th for unsold badges

Don't forget to send in an article if you can. This will be appreciated by all. Tell us why you made some of your elongated coins and where you got your idea from. This would be very interesting to hear. Lets hear how or when you saw your first elongated coin. Have you exhibited lately, then why not write about it.

I ALMOST MADE IT

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662
Carlstadt, N.J.

I'm still trying to improve my elongated coin exhibit, which I display at coin shows and my Coin Club Meetings. I have been exhibiting my elongated coins at almost every club meeting through out the year of 1976 and already had a few exhibits this year too. In the Northern Valley Coin Club, which I am a member, who ever gets the most points on their exhibits through out the year wins the, "award of the year". This big award is given only once a year, so you can exhibit as many times as you want to. I've been trying all year for this big award, but never quite make it. I lost out last December, but almost made it because I talk about my elongated coins, or exhibit them at many meetings. At the end of the year I tied for second place, which wasn't so bad after all.

I really enjoy bringing my elongated coins to my coin clubs meetings. It seems at every meeting members come over to my exhibit and ask me a few questions about my elongated coins. I do my best to answer them all. If we get a new member who joins the club they show a special interest in my elongated coin exhibit, or I hope to think so. So I try to explain that they too can buy elongated coins and tell them how I got started collecting. It is just as much fun as collecting regular coins, or medals. If they show an interest I sometimes give them one of my elongated coins, so they too can get started. I always mention TEC to them, hoping I can get a new member as I got my start in TEC and with the new friends that I made since.

I guess I really got started when one of my friends asked me to get her some elongated coins for her daughters who were girl-scouts. After ordering a few, I now have to order more, as when others see the elongated coins they want one too.

My collection is growing and I recently received many nice new elongated coins. I also received a nice P.N.Cover from Richard Townsend. This proved very interesting to me and I was pleased with it as it was a cover canceled at the A.N.A. Convention in New York City last year.

The TEC NEWS is always so interesting that I enjoy it very much. You can learn a lot by reading the different articles that the TEC members write. I look forward to each issue and appreciate the hard work that Sally and Al Kirka put into it. Thats one thing Sally will try to help me with my exhibit and will do her best to get you started on an exhibit.

Our Bergen County Coin Club is holding a coin show February 26 th. The President of our club had me order some special elongated coins made and we will sell these coins at our coin show. We also will have one of these elongated coins put on the awards that will be given out to the winners of the exhibits. I will exhibit and will give it another try. Who knows maybe one of these days I'll make it and win a first prize, in the meantime I'LL keep trying.

NOTICE

Don't forget keep those articles coming. If you Haven't given it a try, why not do so now. Sit right down and write that article you have been meaning to. Deadline for ads is May 16th and for articles its May 18th. Please write clearly so we can read it as its hard to read some peoples hand writing, yet we will do our best to read it. I will help you where needed.

A FAREWELL TO GORDON Z. GREENE

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

GORDON Z. GREENE

A heart attack claimed the life of our dear friend and TEC member #149 Mr. Gordon Z. Greene of Anaheim, California. It is with deep sadness that I write this article as I received the sad news through the Numismatic News Weekly paper. Mr. Greene has made up many nice plaques for TEC in the past few years and has done many engravings for TEC. He has engraved the names of the members that have received the Merit Award coins in the past. He has been a great help to TEC for many years.

Mr. Gordon Z. Greene passed away Saturday January 8, 1977 in Tustin, California. He was the Executive Director of the Numismatic Literary Guild, a professional association of numismatic writers, editors, curators and photographers. He was former treasurer and a co-founder of the organization. Mr. Greene was also a charter member of TEC for the past ten years.

Mr. Greene was widely acclaimed to be one of this country's foremost authorities on Lincolniana. His extensive collection has been exhibited at coin shows throughout the country. He also has exhibited coins at the A.N.A. Conventions and at coin clubs and conventions in and around California.

Just recently Mr. Greene received the Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador Award and was the 26th recipient of this outstanding award.

Mr. Gordon Z. Greene leaves his wife Mrs. Gordon (Dorothy) Greene and a son Gordon Greene, Jr. His funeral was held January 12, 1977 and he was buried at the Pacific Beach Cemetery, Newport Beach California.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Greene and his son Gordon Greene, Jr. and the Greene family, from all the officers and members of "The Elongated Collectors". Anyone wishing to send a card to his family, they may do so by writing to Mrs. Gordon (Dorothy) Greene, 122 No. Tustin Ave., Anaheim, California 92806. This is the address we have in our TEC file, so I suggest you write to the above address.

We, his friends of TEC will miss Gordon Z. Greene, as he faithfully attended all the A.N.A. Conventions every year. He was a very busy man, but he was never too busy to say hello to his TEC friends as he rushed by. So we bid you farewell Mr. Gordon Z. Greene, a member of "The Elongated Collectors".

NOTICE

If you haven't paid your dues yet, why not send them in now. This will be the last TEC NEWS you will get, if you don't pay your dues, so don't let this happen to you and send those dues in. It also saves us some postage for not having to send a last reminder to you. If you can't make it this month, why not let me know and we can hold off dropping you from the membership list. We will appreciate hearing from you about your dues.

HOPE TO MAKE THE 1977 CONVENTION

by Morrell Richardson TEC #645
Indianola, Miss.

I had hoped to make the ANA Convention at the Americana in late August just as I arranged to be in attendance at the Los Angeles Marriott meeting in 1975. At that time, I simply moved a trip I had planned, back one month so as to be in Los Angeles in August, instead of July. This was very simple to do.

But the matter of weather entered into the picture this time. Having contemplated a circuitous tour with another of my granddaughters, that included the upper peninsular of Michigan, across Canada and into northern Maine, then down the Eastern Seaboard all the way to Florida before coming home to Mississippi. We left a little latitude for re-arrangement, when you consider that the northern portion of the trip was the focal point. The weather in Northern Maine in late August just isn't too alluring to a deep Southerner, especially when said deep Southerner recalls an experience in 1974. At that time he had a third grand-daughter safely ensconced, presumably in a cabin in St. Mary, Montana on July 25. The entire group retired with light covers only to be unceremoniously aroused about 2 a.m. with old Boreas poking his ugly mug uninvitedly into the affair, freezing everything as stiff as a bone.

Incidentally, if the Convention happens to be in the far north west in 1977, I hope to arrange to be in attendance.

Now, I must apologize because this missive sounds more like the reminiscences of a raconteur than a letter pertaining to the elongated coins and I wouldn't be offended if it was thrown out, I'll get around to the proper topic with a couple of paragraphs pronto.

Undoubtedly elongated coins are the most fascinating articles in the realm of numismatics. I still carry several in my pocket at all times, giving them to kids that I love and admire and that encompasses a wide sphere. This I have practised for several years. They are almost invariably intrigued: with what is it? is it a real penny? is it really for me? please give me one too and this might just as well apply to the adults as well. During the holidays, when kids are more likely to be seen outside their homes with school out it requires a few more elongated coins than other times, except at athletic events (especially basketball) which I rarely miss. For my favorites, I carry in a separate pocket, coins appropriate to season at hand, also those with the Zodiac signs, which I have used for some time.

I still purchase all the new elongated coins I see advertised here and there, especially by Lee Martin. Also the incidental ones as in TEC NEWS. Coin World occasionally depicts newly introduced elongated coins which I always buy, but Coin World doesn't seem too enthusiastic in their support of the hobby. I have just this week added another binder of 20 twenty-pocket pages to my "library". My total now runs to many more than 1,000.

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Thank you Glen Tye, for the kind words about TEC NEWS. This is appreciated very much to hear those kind words. As we do not get paid a cent for our work, your kind words are our only pay. I hope you do find the time to write another article for TEC NEWS. Send us what you have and maybe we can help you.

I'M JUST ONE YEAR OLD

by Peter Carmel TEC #712
Englewood, N.J.

Yet in this one year since I have been a TEC member I've heard the Editor Sally Kirka plead, beg, cajole and try every trick in the book to get the other members of "The Elongated Collectors" to pick up a pen, typewriter, or anything available and come up with a short 250 word article. This would give you something to show around with your name in the lead and also receive a great TEC NEWS special elongated coin you could treasure and show off.

You also can be proud and tell everyone that you got paid for writing an article for our paper. If Sally can fill out a newsletter each quarter, you could at least help her with one article. You may find out that you have a talent that you didn't even know existed. Then you could send something in for each issue and you would have a nice collection of the TEC NEWS COINS. How about some of the rollers giving us newcomers some stories on how they roll coins and about some of the past elongated coins they have rolled? We would also like a list if possible, of where machines and equipment for rolling can be purchased. It would also be nice to list all the rollers names and addresses. We then could correspond and maybe the new members could learn a bit more about our hobby and the people that make this such a great hobby.

Another good idea would be for more members to advertise in the TEC NEWS, if they have elongated coins for sale. We could then add to our collection. Also maybe members with duplicates could swap or sell their extras. I think this would make for brighter news items to make TEC NEWS more of a hobby newsletter.

I can't understand why people who have been members for years have to be reminded dozens of times to pay their dues. If they really enjoy the hobby, they should be glad to support it. The members who do not write articles should at least help our officers by dropping a postcard when they change their addresses. You can do this with a 9¢ postcard, instead of costing the society several dollars for postage on undelivered mail. If you can't write an article, you can at least write a postcard. AND ANOTHER THING, I would like to nominate here and now, the same slate of officers presently serving, for unanimous reelection. So please from a one year old member, will some of you who have been members a lot longer, start putting your thoughts on paper. Then we, the newer members can learn and enjoy our hobby a great deal more.

I'm sure you can do it and give our President Sally Kirka a break so that she can have a little more time to enjoy her hobby too.

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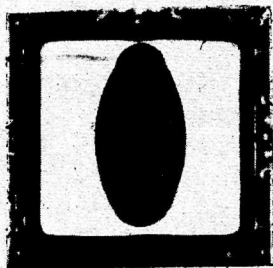
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NEW PLASTIC 2x2" HOLDERS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.



Have you seen the new plastic holders that are out now, for the elongated coins? I received a brochure from one of the TEC members about these holders. As I read all about these plastic 2x2" holders I became more interested in them and I wanted to see a sample of one to see how they would work and also just what they looked like. So I sent away to the company for more information and a sample.

In a few days I received what I asked for and also a nice elongated coin in the 2x2" holder. First thing I did was to flatten out the elongated coin. This would look and lay better in the 2x2" holder. Then I took the holder apart and sort of studied it. I tried different elongated coins in the holders, as the center of the holder which has a foam insert is just a little smaller than two inches. Anyhow the pennies, dimes and some nickels and quarters fit in pretty good. It also depends on how long each elongated coin was rolled to fit just right. Remember some elongated coins can be rolled longer.

Now if you're going to exhibit your elongated coins, you could really make a nice exhibit using these holders. The center part can be removed and most of the larger coins would fit in. I'd use the insert with the coin as it looks better that way. As I flatten my elongated coins out I lay the coin on top of the foam insert. By laying the penny on top of the foam with the center out you could still see the reverse side of the elongated penny. Now if I was exhibiting my elongated coins, such as nickels, I would leave the center in, or out and lay the elongated nickel on top. I prefer the white inserts as I find the coins show up better on a white background. Also white looks good with copper, silver etc. You have to remember those white inserts show up on the colored background you have in your showcase.

I use a red velvet cloth on the board in the center of my showcase. So the white inserts in the 2x2" plastic holders stand out on any dark colored background. You can use dark brown, blue, green or black, or what ever color you wish and the holders with the white inserts will stand out. This makes your exhibit appealing to others looking at the exhibit. They did have blue inserts, but I liked the white better.

Last year I saw an outstanding exhibit of elongated coins. Had this person used the white inserts and these plastic holders, this exhibit would have won very easily. As it was this person had a dark color, either black or navy blue background. Then the copper pennies were laid on top of the cloth. Anyhow the elongated coins got lost in this exhibit. As I watched the people walk by without looking at this outstanding exhibit of elongated coins, I asked one person how they liked the elongated coins? Their answer was, "Oh is that what they were". Had this member used any 2x2" holders, wow, would his exhibit had stood out.

So if anyone is interested in these holders, why not buy a few. Buy one box of 20 holders for \$4.50 postpaid. Study them, make up an exhibit and I bet You'll like them. No, I have no part in this company, only I like what I saw and would like to pass this on to the TEC members. Its something new and just recently out and its a great help to us elongated collectors. Try a box of 20 and you may just like it.

Also if you have an elongated coin you carry around like I do, this is a good holder to hold the coin. As a matter of fact I put two coins in on both sides of the inserts.

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NEW PLASTIC 2x2" HOLDERS

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I have a feeling the members who exhibit a lot like me will want to buy these holders. The address to write to is: Zip Company, P.O. Box 3188, Clearwater Beach, Florida 33515. Tell them Sally Kirka told you about them. One more note, if quarters or nickels are used, you can lay them from corner to corner and they still will look nice in the holders in an exhibit. I will bring a few of these holders to the TEC meeting so the members can see what I am talking about.

LEE MARTIN & DOTTIE DOW'S BOOK

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I received a letter from Lee Martin and he wrote me he and Dottie Dow, who wrote the first book on elongated coins will now write this new book together. This was good news to hear from Lee Martin. Dottie Dow will have all the elongated coins from her first book and many unlisted elongated coins of hers in this new book. With these two, Lee Martin and Dottie Dow working together, you can bet this will be a very good book on elongated coins. This will be a big welcome to the elongated collectors.

If anyone has any unlisted elongated coins, or they think they have one, why not let Lee Martin know about it. Or for that matter let Dottie Dow know or hear of it. Either write about the elongated coin, or else send them a rubbing of the coin. If more information is needed, I'm sure Lee Martin will write and ask you for it. Even if you think it may be in a book already you can still write to Lee Martin and ask so you can be sure. Anyone giving any help to Lee Martin, I understand you will be given credit for it in Lee's and Dottie's book.

Don't wait too long to do this as Lee Martin is working hard to get this book out as soon as he can. All those that bought his first elongated book know that Lee Martin will do his best to put out another great book.

For those that would like to order one of these books, or maybe two or more, please write to Lee Martin, 1390 - East 6th St., Beaumont, California 92223. The sooner you send in your order for your book the better. You do not have to send any money now, as Lee Martin does not know how much the book will cost yet. He will let us know in due time. Right now Lee Martin still wants as many unlisted elongated coins as he can get for the book. So get busy and look your elongated coins over very carefully, as you may be lucky enough to have an unlisted elongated coin in your possession.

This book will be good news to all the elongated collectors as we really can use some books on elongated coins. Other books are in the works too, but I have not heard a thing about them, other than they are being written. When I do hear more, will write about them in TEC NEWS.

NEW MEMBERS

TEC#	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	
729	Alan Moser	P.O. Box 883	Palatine, Ill.	60067
730	Robert Kanter	5322 Belmont Ave.	Chicago, Ill.	60641
731	Richard Montford	P.O. Box 1135	Lakeside, Ariz.	85929

SHARE YOUR HOBBY

by Betty Case Stevens TEC #272
San Mateo, Calif.

Did you know there exists a huge segment of the population of your town who have never heard of an elongated coin? We who belong to Coin Clubs, attend conventions and exhibit our collections tend to forget this fact. During the past year, almost by accident, I discovered that my local branch library would be delighted to show my exhibit of medals and memorabilia of the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. I spent a lot of time at the library, am there at least once a week and happened to see a lovely collection of first edition books relating to the events leading up to and including the American Revolution. There were works of Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin and others important to attaining our independence. It occurred to me that perhaps other people might like to see my 1876 material which tied in so well with our Bicentennial observance. When I mentioned it to the librarian she was most enthused and they liked the exhibit so much it was kept on display for three months.

When I removed it I casually asked if they would like something unusual to show at Christmas, and they would! So it was that I set up an exhibit in a large upright glass case, with several shelves, containing Christmas cards enclosing medals, elongateds and coins, two of the lovely silver tree ornaments and an ingot from the Franklin Mint. I also included a selection of colorful wooden Christmas Greetings and several pin-back buttons. The greatest furor among the library personnel was caused by the elongated coin greetings. I showed several of the artistic ones done by Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman and they were so amazed that anyone could design, engrave and roll a coin to create such beauty - then to mount it on a card with a matching design! Great interest was shown also in the Dottie Dow P.N.Covers which had elongated coins repeating the design of the Christmas stamp on the envelope. Such delighted "Ohs" and "Ahs", it was most gratifying. Along with their enjoyment of seeing this unusual collection, it was nice to hear their flattering comments about how well it was displayed.

It is fun to show an exhibit to a public which does not demand so much information on sizes, metallic content, etc. Sometimes I feel that in order to garner needed points to win with an exhibit at a coin show, we are forced to add a lot of monotonous information (which is really boring to the general public) and in doing so we probably eliminate some interesting amusing facts about the subject for lack of space. So much technical info is not needed for this type of display, just make it colorful and give them the basic facts written so as to be easily read, after all, many viewers will be children.

Why not ask about showing some of your favorite collections in your local library. They can undoubtedly supply a locked case for you as mine did for me. There was no problem about security and I did not identify myself in any way. You'll enjoy the pleasure that others will receive from seeing your treasures.

NOTICE

The next deadline for ads for the TEC NEWS is May 16th and for articles May 18th. Will appreciate hearing from you. How about you folks that haven't written an article yet, how about writing that article now. Tell us how you like your elongated coins and how you got interested in collecting them. Give it a try.

TO OUR COLLECTOR FRIENDS

by Don Adams TEC #518
Chauvin, La.

Many collectors of elongated coins have written and asked us how we produce our elongated coins. So I thought you would like know what process we use. So I'm giving you an idea of our procedure.

- STEP #1: First we count out 70 coins and place them in a bowl. Next we add one cup of Tarn-x cleaner which is available at all drug stores. Let the coins soak in the Tarn-x for three minutes. Make sure each coin has come in contact with the Tarn-x. This removes all grease and grime off the surface of the coins. Then drain out the Tarn-x and rinse the coins with cold running water. After rinsing, leave enough water in the bowl to cover the coins.
- STEP #2: Take each coin from the bowl and towel dry one at a time. While drying each coin it helps to rub on the reverse side of the coin for this is the side your artwork will appear. As you dry each coin, each coin is then placed on a baking plate.
- STEP #3: After all the coins are dried and placed on the baking plate, make sure all coins are Lincoln head side up on the plate. You then coat the coins with whatever coating material you think is best. I use a coating material I have purchased from Bob Luchtman.
- STEP #4: After each coin is coated. I then insert the baking plate with the coins into a preheated oven for two minutes. The best temperature to preheat your oven to is 375 degrees.
- STEP #5: After the coins have cooled off for 5 minutes, they are ready to be turned over and rolled. Each coin is examined as they come off the rolling machine. If a coin has a spot then we reject the coin. Only the ones we would like to have in our collection for ourselves do we keep.
- STEP #6: After all coins have been rolled, we then spray a coat of Coricone 1700 Clear Metal Spray which we purchase from Brookstone Company, 123 Vose Fram Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458. Spray about 6 inches away from the coins. Be careful not to overspray. The coins are again examined. Any oversprayed coins are rejected. The good ones are sent to you.
- STEP #7: We then insert the coins in the 2x2 elongated coin holders and rubber stamp the name of the issue on the holder. The coins are now ready for shipment.

We hope you enjoy collecting elongated coins as much as we enjoy processing them for you. We ask you to recommend elongated coin collecting to a friend today.

COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin sent with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Richard Townsend of Rochester, N.Y. It is a nice coin and after looking at it you will see that it commemorates our country's Bicentennial 1776 - 1976 as well as the 10th anniversary of TEC, 1966 - 1976, also the initials and year, N Y 1976, where TEC's 10th anniversary meeting was held. It is a nice coin and we want to thank Richard Townsend for his generosity for donating this coin so all TECmembers can have one.

DIXEY'S COVE AND SALTHOUSE POINT

by Chester M. Rogers TEC #505
Leachville, Ark.

It's almost a certainty that very few modern day residents of Eastern Massachusetts give more than an occasional passing thought to the men and women who struggled for survival on these very acres in Puritan times. Its not to be wondered at, since it's hard to envision rustic buildings, rough pasture and forest where now stand shopping centers, housing developments and quiet suburbs.

Significant buildings or important historic sites are frequently preserved and have a suitable plaque or sign for public edification. A great many of the more prosaic sites dealing with everyday Puritan life are almost lost to history. Such a place is Salthouse Point, by Ensign Dixey's Cove, on the Ryalside of Beverly, Mass. In January of 1638, Governor Winthrop granted to his son, John Jr., the right to build a salt house upon a point of land at the mouth of the Bass River, at Beverly, Massachusetts, along with adjacent woodlands necessary for maintaining fires for boiling the salt water. John Jr. erected his oven and cauldron on the Danvers River side of the point and pastured his cows on some open land nearby. Salt was as important to life as water in early times, being very essential to the preservation for fish and meat for the winter food supplies, and for the making of butter as well as its everyday seasoning use.

Dixey's Cove is named for Ensign William Dixey who settled on its banks in the early 1630's, shortly after Roger Conant the leader of the "old planters". Dixey was admitted as a freeman in 1634, and died in 1690 at the age of 82, extremely ancient for that day and age. Ensign Dixey is said to have been the first father of the first child born in Beverly, Massachusetts.

This is where I got one of my ideas for one of my elongated coins of one of the homes of Beverly, Massachusetts. An article had appeared in the Sunday paper about it and after looking up the history and pictures of the way that the early settlers made their salt, I came up with the idea of Dixey's Cove and Salthouse Point. The people there were called Salters because they made salt. I have a few different elongated coins and these are available at 50¢ each, the gold plated ones are \$2.00 each, plus a S.S.A.E. My address is, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438.

NOTICE

In answer to Peter Carmels question on where a member could buy a rolling machine. As of this writing the only person that I know who sells and makes a very good rolling machine is Bob Luchtman, Box 185, Steamboat, Nevada 89436. Now I don't know if Bob has any machines to sell at this time, but you can write him for more information. Bob Luchtman is one of the finest men around. I can guarantee you will be getting a very good machine if you buy from him. He will also give you any help you need with the machine. Bob is also an engraver of dies and two dies come with his machine. Bob also makes elongated coins for people on orders. Just remember the price has gone up on everything.

Remember as of this writing I do not know of anyone else making machines, or of anyone having a rolling machine for sale. We do hear of a rolling machine for sale from time to time from someone who had made his millions in elongated coins. Ha! Ha!

HAVING FUN SELLING GENA ELONGATES

by Robert J. Dadson TEC #550
Carlstadt, N.J.

As most members know by reading the last issue of TEC NEWS Notes of Interest, that I was in charge of selling the remaining elongated coins for G.E.N.A. (Great Eastern Numismatic Association) The elongated coins were issued this past October for our convention in New York City. The elongated coin was a Bicentennial issue with "Uncle Sam" on it. We had an ad in Coin World and thanks to our President Sally Kirka who put a very special article on it in TEC NEWS. Sally told that it was such a beautiful elongated coin and was a must in all TEC members collection. We got a great response from the members, but still have a few more left.

As the members sent their orders in, it got to be a lot of fun looking at the addresses and where these people lived. Even my wife Lee couldn't wait for the mail to come and joined in on the fun. Some of the letters were brief, some had little notes telling us they were members of TEC, while others just enclosed the ad from Coin World. My wife Lee and I heard of many new towns and cities we have never heard of before. Not only did we enjoy all this, but we have made many new friends.

I received letters from 21 different states from around the country. We received the largest orders from New York. Then came Ohio, New Jersey, Indiana, Michigan, California, Kansas and a few from Colorado. All these states had about ten people ordering from these states. Pennsylvania came next with five orders from there. Those having less than five orders were Georgia, Tennessee, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, Illinois and all the others had one member from each state. We even received one from Calgary, Canada.

As we still have a few more left I'd like to see more of the TEC members buy one of these elongated coins for their collection as it is a very nice issue, made by Dottie Dow for the G.E.N.A. Convention. With each elongated coin I sent out I put a note in each envelope as I really enjoyed mailing the coin out. The coins are only 50¢ each and it would be wise to buy two. You still have time to order one as they will be gone soon.

A note of interest that I received from my good friend Jack Wilcox is, that to his knowledge, which is a special theme of his that there are only six elongated coins with "Uncle Sam" on them.

So if you have'nt bought one yet, I would be happy to hear from you and add your state to my list. My wife Lee will be looking for the mail also. I still have a few more left at 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E. Always happy to hear from TEC members and making new friends. My address is 409 Eighth Street, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072.

NOTICE

Have you any good articles for the TEC NEWS, then why not send them to me. An article of 250 words or more will earn you a nice TEC NEWS Award coin. It's a beautiful coin and none of these coins will be sold, as you have to earn it. The deadline for the next issue is May 16th for ads and May 18th for articles. Articles must be written so I can read them or they will be rejected. There is not much I can do if I can't read your writing. So write slowly, or better still, why not type it if you can, yes even if you can only type with one finger just so I can read it. Will appreciate your help on this. Don't forget, send that article in now.

ELONGATED "RESTRIKES"

by Doug Fairbanks TEC #623
Jamesville, N.Y.

In response to a TEC NEWS article by president Sally Kirka, I thought I would take the liberty of advising members of known "Restrikes" and/or "Re-rolls" in my own collection. Though I didn't get "stuck", by purchasing any of the below listed, as "originals" let others beware. All dealers and mail-bid sellers, do not advertise these as "Re-rolls", either through a lack of knowledge, or just plain greed. I'm not sure if "they" are governed by the new law requiring a "C" for Copy, to be placed on the coin. If they are not, I believe the A.N.A. and others, should press for their inclusion. Numbers are from the Dow Book and are in addition to those listed there-in.

RELc.c6, RELT.c8, WAS.SWF4, WAS.xxx1, WAS.seal, FLAs.sl, OREpor1
ORExxx1, MISCxxx13, MISCxxx21, N.Ybuf4, N.Y.buf7, CAL xxx1, CALs.f3
CALggie3

The above are all the same as the "originals" except for MISC xxx13 (Knee-Action), which has had the border and quotation marks removed from the die.

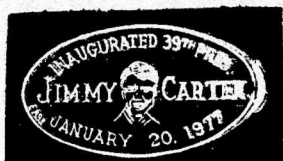
I also have approximately nine pieces of CALggie issues, which are extremely close to the Dow Book pictured items, except for water lines and cloud billows being removed, and the reverse of the coin being buffed to remove date, or rolled without being "coated", there-by coming out smooth and shiny.

A word to the wise, should be sufficient. Some "moderns" are also being "re-rolled", with the only difference being the original rollers initials removed.

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